

**Columbus Police Department
123 Washington St.
Columbus, In. 47201**

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We ask you as parents/guardians to be sure and discuss the following safety tips with your children:

- At corners where Crossing Guards are present: Be sure you wait until they tell you to cross. (Sometimes the guards will have children going in two different directions and will require the children to wait until they cross the first group.)
- If you ride a bicycle, get off the bike and push it across the street AFTER the Crossing Guard tells you to. This also holds true at any intersection where there is traffic and no guard. It is much easier to stop quickly when walking than when riding.
- Stay on the sidewalk when walking and move quickly. NEVER talk to strangers or enter their vehicles.
- Dress appropriately for the weather when you are outside. Remember that lighter colors are more easily seen by motorists, especially when it is dark outside.
- Always look both ways before crossing any street. Never walk out in front of a car assuming they will stop, even if there is a stop sign.
- Always cross at the marked crosswalks. There should be crosswalk signs posted as well as markings on the pavement.
- At all signalized crosswalks where there are traffic signals, be sure to PUSH THE BUTTON to get the “walk” signal BEFORE entering the intersection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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